THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is under preparation. Then, Sir, I have given the assurance that before finalizing the rules, an opportunity will be given to those interested in the matter to make their representations."

Protected water-supply to Baliapatam in Chirakkal taluk

* 2201 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to arrange for protected water-supply to Baliapatam in Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Collector of Malabar has reported that there is a proposal for introducing protected water-supply scheme in the Baliapatam Panchayat area."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the proposal of the Collector would materialise soon and whether the Government would take steps to see that protected water-supply is made available to the people because the incidence of cholera is high there? The Hon. Minister himself knows that. Therefore may I know what Government are going to do in the matter and whether Government would give instructions to the Collector to take steps to have protected water-supply to that town? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. The scheme is proposed to be taken up under the Local Development works programme. It is proposed to dig a tank at a cost of Rs. 17,000. The proposal for getting the land for this purpose is under the consideration of the Collector."

Construction of a bund for the Sarapalliparai lake of Singalamcombai

* 2202 *Q.*—SRI M. P. PERIASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any petition and telegrams from the villagers of Erumaipatti in the Salem district to construct a bund for the Sarapalliparai lake of Singalamcombai;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have deputed any officer to inspect and submit a report and estimates;

(*c*) if so, why the work has not been executed till now?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*c*) Though the Minor Irrigation staff prepared an estimate for the work in question at a cost of Rs. 875 and the Collector submitted it to the Board in November 1954, the question whether to recover the cost of the work from the landholder or to get it done as a kudimaramath liability was under consideration by the Board, in consultation with the Collector, especially as the tank-bed was being claimed as a private property by an individual of the locality. It was, however, ultimately decided in April 1955, to take up the work of